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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #45 - As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. Heavy fighting is again reported in the Sialkot area north of Lahore. This continues to be the location of the main thrust of the Indian attack. The Pakistanis again claim to have inflicted heavy casualties on the forces attacking the defense arc north and east of the city.

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3. Indian Defense Minister Chavan,

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stated that he expected the war to continue for some time. He reiterated that the present Indian objective is to inflict maximum damage on the Pakistani military machine to prevent Pakistan from again posing as a military threat to its neighbor. He claimed Indian casualties as of 13 September numbered about 600 killed and 3,100 wounded.

4. An Attache cable from Karachi states the Pakistani claims of widespread paradrops by the Indians appear to be "completely unfounded." There is also considerable doubt that Karachi has been under air attack at any time. Commenting on Pakistani supplies and reserves, the Attache believes that if the severity of the combat is even reasonably near that described in the press, the Pakistani supply and equipment situation must be becoming very serious. He believes that if the Indians press their attacks, the Pakistanis will be faced with the possibility of a complete and humiliating collapse of their army and air force.

DIA review(s) completed.

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7. Arab leaders, meeting at their Summit Conference at Casablanca, have agreed to support Pakistan in calling for a plebiscite for Kashmir.

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In New Delhi, Shastri, speaking before parliament has stated that not one of Pakistan's previously announced three conditions for a settlement (including a plebiscite for Kashmir) is acceptable to India. He warned that India will not be deterred from exercising "sovereignty" over its territory "including Jammu and Kashmir."

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INDIA-PAKISTAN Order of Battle

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Line of confrontation



Thrust movement



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